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### Field Crops

Virtually all of Arizona's cotton acreage has set bolls, the same as the 5-year average and just ahead of last year. Bolls opening is at 55 percent. Harvesting is underway in the Yuma area. The condition of the cotton crop varies from mostly fair to excellent. Alfalfa condition is mostly fair to excellent. Harvesting is active on over three-fourths of the acreage across the State.

### Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

This week Arizona growers remained active with the harvest of miscellaneous melons.

### Range and Pasture

Range and pastures continued to receive spotty, but much needed moisture from seasonal rains. Many areas are maintaining their forage. Rangeland conditions vary from very poor to good, depending on location.

### **Crop Condition**

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>- Percent -</i>				
Alfalfa	-	3	25	45	27
Range and Pasture	21	28	29	19	3
Cotton	-	2	20	58	20

### **Crop Progress**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	<i>- Percent -</i>			
Cotton				
• Setting Bolls	99	95	97	99
• Bolls Opening	55	40	43	47

### Weather Summary

Temperatures were well above normal for the week ending August 28th, ranging from four degrees above normal at Paloma, Parker and Roll to 13 degrees above normal at Aguila. The highest temperature of the week was 117 degrees at Phoenix. The lowest reading was 46 degrees at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was

recorded in 16 of the 22 weather stations. The least precipitation was recorded in Winslow with 0.02 inches. The most precipitation was recorded in Roll with 0.78 inches. Willcox and Roll are the only areas that have above normal precipitation to date.

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<b>Temperature and Precipitation Data</b>								
<b>August, 22 2011 - August 28, 2011</b>								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	91	13	110	72	0.49	3.15	-3.29	49
Buckeye	97	9	116	74	0.00	2.40	-2.00	55
Canyon De Chelly	78	7	96	60	0.00	3.05	-2.89	51
Coolidge	91	6	110	72	0.15	1.94	-2.90	40
Douglas	84	9	103	63	0.58	3.73	-4.96	43
Flagstaff	69	7	86	51	0.10	11.34	-3.23	78
Grand Canyon	70	12	92	46	0.31	7.72	-5.85	57
Kingman	88	9	107	69	0.49	5.09	-1.34	79
Marana	93	10	110	77	0.00	2.41	-4.91	33
Maricopa	95	8	113	77	0.00	1.25	-3.22	28
Paloma	93	4	113	72	0.53	3.26	-1.09	75
Parker	92	4	114	69	0.00	1.74	-0.96	64
Payson	79	8	98	59	0.08	9.83	-4.02	71
Phoenix	102	12	117	89	0.00	2.62	-1.78	60
Prescott	81	12	98	64	0.17	5.00	-8.06	38
Roll	94	4	114	71	0.78	2.27	0.45	125
Safford	87	8	104	69	0.28	2.65	-3.01	47
St. Johns	75	6	97	57	0.26	4.39	-2.93	60
Tucson	91	8	108	64	0.31	4.12	-3.23	56
Willcox	83	8	103	65	0.32	8.33	0.15	102
Winslow	82	8	101	64	0.02	2.75	-2.12	56
Yuma	99	9	115	81	0.03	0.83	-0.99	46
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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